



Harris and Lake Park United Methodist Churches

NEWSLETTER



**The Harris & Lake Park
United Methodist Churches**

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Worship
Harris – 9:00 a.m.
Lake Park – 10:30 a.m.

Sunday School—Sept. – May
Harris – 10:15 a.m.
Lake Park – 9:00 a.m.

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May 7, 2017
*Confirmation
Sunday*






*Middle School
Bells will play*

Wednesday, May 10—Baccalaureate

6 p.m. at LP UMC

May 14, 2017

- ♥ Youth Sunday
- ♥ Sunday School Teacher's Recognition
- ♥ High School Graduating Seniors Recognition
- ♥ Elementary Bells play
- ♥ High School Bells play
- ♥ Mother's Day

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 9:00 Coffee & Conversation for ALL Senior Citizens	2 9:00 Women's Bible Study at LP UMC library	3 LP UMW <u>Noon</u> Picnic UMW furnishes chicken	4 ★NATIONAL★ DAY of PRAYER	5	6 Pancake Breakfast 6:30 – 9:30 a.m. First Presbyterian Church 5 p.m. Saturday Prayer Lake Park UMC
7 4 th Sunday of Easter  7:00 VBS mtg. at Harris	8	9 9:00 Women's Bible Study at LP UMC library Care Center Music 	10 6:00 Baccalaureate at LP UMC 7:00 Sr. Class Night at HLP auditorium	11 7:00 Harris Ad Council	12 Care Center Bingo 	13 5 p.m. Saturday Prayer Lake Park UMC
14 5 th Sunday of Easter 10:00 Choir rehearsal Sun. School Teacher Recognition at LP Graduating Seniors Recognition at LP	15 9:00 Coffee & Conversation for ALL Senior Citizens 	16 9:00 Women's Bible Study at LP UMC library	17	18	19	20 5 p.m. Saturday Prayer Lake Park UMC
21 6 th Sunday of Easter	22	23 9:00 Women's Bible Study at LP UMC library Last meeting	24 9:00 Chimers 7:00 LP Ad Council Note change of date!	25 Goodwill Truck comes to LP UMCs parking lot – thru June 1	26	27 5 p.m. Saturday Prayer Lake Park UMC
28 7 th Sunday of Easter			31			



Gladys Goodell	LP UMC	knee surgery
Jessi Bradley	LP UMC	surgery
Lora Goodell	LP UMC	broken leg
Sherry Ahrenstorff	LP UMC	cancer treatments
Tom Kyle	LP UMC	cancer
Winnie Struck	Friend	
(Colleen Griesse's great granddaughter)		
Lucille Rush	LP UMC	hospice care
Karen Rehms	LP UMC	fragile health
Rita Reimers	LP UMC	cancer
Shirley Fredericksen	LP UMC	cancer
Garrett Goodell	LP UMC	seizures
Ardyce Rueter		fragile health
(mother of Lori Sheeler and Scott Rueter)		
Lennace Brandt	LP UMC	fragile health
Dave Lindemann	Friend	fragile health

The men and women in the armed services, their families, and our churches.



VBS Planning Meeting

Sunday, May 7

7:00 p.m. at Harris UMC



Many thanks to my wonderful family and friends for your kind assistance after my recent hip surgery. Also thank you for thinking of me with cards and phone calls. It is much appreciated.

Betty Goodell



Dear Church Family,

Thank you for your prayers and the flowering plant following surgery. I am feeling better and thank God for you.

Jeri Goodell

Coffee & Conversation
9 – 10 a.m. Monday, May 1
For ALL Senior Citizens

You are all welcome to stop in for coffee, homemade goodies and great conversation.

Dear friends,

The month of May is one of the most exciting months of the year. It is marked with celebrations about ending one season while starting a new one.

The first celebration is Confirmation. This year we will celebrate it on the 7th (Sunday). Some of our young people will celebrate the completion of an important phase on their faith journey. Through the course of the school year, they have learned about God, the Bible and the Church. On this Sunday, the congregation will more importantly witness at these young people's first public profession of faith.

As confirmands vow to pray, be present, give, witness and serve, you will also be doing the same by promising to support them and other people in our Church. In the end, all these young people will be received as new members in the body of Christ: the Church.

The second celebration in May is graduation. Seniors in High School (or College) are moving into a new season in their lives. To join them (seniors in High School) in their celebration, our Churches will hold a community service at the Lake Park United Methodist Church for a moment of prayer and gratitude on Wednesday, May 10 at 6:00 p.m. Also, we will bless them as they get ready to take off for college.

At the center of the entire month of May though is Mother's Day. What can any of us do without Mothers in our families, Church and community? This year, our youth from both Harris and Lake Park UMCs will join together in leading a very special service on May 14 to celebrate the gift of our Mothers. Come and join us in praising God for our Mothers on this Sunday.

This month, and because you are a member of our Church, I encourage you to show God's love by doing the following:

- Commit to praying for our Confirmands, by name, for the rest of the year.
- Send a note to graduates (seniors in High School or colleges): handwritten letter, text message, private message on social media or by email.
- Re-connect with a person you have once mentored through confirmation in this past. If you have never been a mentor for Confirmation before, you can still connect with a young person. I can help you with that if you're interested.
- A gift card can also bless a young person buy a book for school when he/she takes off for college.
- Connect and get to know a Mother in our Church and community.
- And more. Let God's Spirit inspire you with ways to show God's love to our young people and Mothers.

Let's celebrate and be grateful for the gift of our Confirmands, graduating young people (High School and College) and our Mothers!

Pastor Emmanuel





Harris UMC

	Attendance	Offering
Mar. 26	67	\$880.00
Apr. 2	35	787.00
Apr. 9	42	2,080.00
Apr. 16	62	745.00
Apr. 23	29	<u>903.00</u>
	Total	\$5,395.00
Average Weekly Attendance	47	
Given to date		\$20,312.40

Lake Park UMC

	Attendance	Offering
Mar. 26	160	\$3,665.50
Apr. 2	166	4,691.00
Apr. 9	133	1,941.00
Apr. 16	254	4,114.00
Apr. 23	120	<u>1,653.00</u>
	Total	\$16,064.50
Average Weekly Attendance	166	
Given to date		\$47,783.02
Sunday School		\$124.50
Harris Reimbursement		\$683.67
For mission trips		\$500.00
Rent		\$80.00
IAUMC – HCI books		\$150.00
Camp donation		\$100.00
Easter lilies		\$290.00



Harris UMC

Ushers Dean Phillips
Karl Davis
Harold Kruger

Flowers Bobbi Davis, Amy Bosma

Coffee
May 7 – Harold Anderson
May 14 – Cheryl Dake
May 21 – Mark Dillehay, Harry Riesberg
May 28 – Dean Phillips, Noel Phillips

Lake Park UMC

Ushers Jeff/Phyllis Johnson
Chad/Becca Matthiesen
Marie Matthiesen

Flowers Sally Herbert, Jane Heikens

Sunday School Snacks & Juice
May 7 – Snacks/Juice – Jolene Ehlers
May 14 – Snacks/Juice – Heather Voss
May 21 – Snacks/Juice – Laura Martin

Snack Server
May – Lil Jansen



May 2017

1—Pastor Emmanuel
2—Rebecca Ramsey
3—Raymond Ransom
4—Tom & LeAnn Ransom and family
5—Bryan & Nicolle Read and family
6—Dick & Lola Read
7—Clark & Roxie Reekers
8—Karen Rehms
9—Bob & Rita Reimers and family
10—Ron & Amy Renner and family
11—Dara Rettig and family
12—Our government leaders
13—Robert Rickabaugh
13—Harold & Valerie Riesberg & family
14—Kenny & Jeanne Roberts
15—William Robertson
16—Allen & Loretta Rowe
17—Randy & Deanna Rowe and family
18—Ryan & Carol Rowe and family
19—Scott & Tricia Rueter and family
20—Lucille Rush
21—Beverly Rush
22—Darlene Saunders
23—Don & Deb Schroeder
24—Ryan & Tara Seifert and family
25—Shannon & Katie Serck
26—Barb Schomaker
27—Pastor Emmanuel
28—Terry & Lori Sheeler & family
29—Cathy Sheridan and family
30—Keith & Judy Siemers and family
31—Those who are ill

LP UMW NEWS

May 3 12:00 Noon Picnic

Program Phyllis Johnson
“Mothers in Action”

Serving UMW furnishes chicken
Arlene Jaycox, Joan Hoye

Sanctuary Flowers

May Sally Herbert, Jane Heikens

Care Center Music

May 9 Jennifer Krummen

Care Center Bingo

May 12 Darlyne Halquist
Gladys Goodell

Grief-Share Support Group

Sundays—5:30 – 7:30 at First Lutheran Church, Milford

Mondays—6:30 – 8:30 at Okoboji Lakes Bible Conference Center, Arnolds Park

13 weeks—Attend any or all of them.
Schedule is on bulletin kiosk at LP and on the table at Harris

More information can be found at
www.griefshare.org

It's such a grand thing to be a mother of a mother—that's why
the world calls her grandmother.

--Unknown



May Harris Birthdays

2	Randi Ransom Prichard
2	Linda Treharne
9	Shannon Serck
13	Trevor Riesberg
14	Mariah Dake
16	Mary Smyth
17	Cheryl Dake
19	Claire Lenderts
23	Angie Lenderts
23	Drake Ransom
27	Irene Kruger
27	LeAnn Ransom
27	Halle Bosma
27	Jase Bosma

May LP Birthdays

1	Josh Huff
1	Dawn Kinkade
2	Grace Elser
2	Brandon Rowe
3	Dylan Meyer
4	John Weltzin
4	Betty Goodell
6	Gary Taber
7	Janice Nissen
8	Ila Von Holdt
9	Dennis Duitsman
9	Jennifer Goodell
13	Darrell Frerichs
13	Jane Heikens
15	Brad Frerichs
15	Donna Gembler

15	Sarah Vande Hoef
16	Ellen Gallagher
16	Peyton Fisher
17	Jason Gembler
17	Leon Goodell
20	Morgan Bradley
22	Nissa Andresen
22	Charlene Graham
23	DeLyte Ebbers
23	Ginny Gunderson
23	Myles Krummen
23	Easton Brevik
24	Lucas Gunderson
27	Spencer Herbert
27	Jaxson Heikens
27	Emily Lindgren
28	Sydney Rowe
29	Curt Ingwersen
30	Ruger Kelly
31	Nick Joens



May Harris Anniversaries

31	Tom & LeAnn Ransom
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May LP Anniversaries

3	Don & Eula Kennedy
28	Joel & Virginia Wiese
30	Grant & Tonia Gunderson
31	Trent & Brittney (Ahrenstorff)
31	Kelley
31	Emmanuel & Lydia Naweji

PUZZLE

GOD CARES FOR YOU!

Jesus tells his followers not to worry about their daily needs. What example does he give of God's care for his creation?

Directions:
To complete Luke 12:27 (NIV), match the shapes under each blank with the letter shapes shown to the right.

“Consider how the wild
grow. They do not labor or spin.
Yet I tell you, not even
in all his splendor was
like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV

Answer: “Consider how the wild flowers grow. They do not labor or spin. Yet I tell you, not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these.” Luke 12:27, NIV

*The Bible is one of the greatest blessings
bestowed by God on the children of men....*

*It is all pure, all sincere;
Nothing too much; nothing wanting.*

John Locke



Make this craft to display a bit of springtime year-round!

What you need:

- An old shirt
- Tempura paint (brown, dark pink, light pink and white)
- Paintbrush
- Light blue or white construction paper
- A paper plate
- Q-tips
- Paper towels

What you do:

1. Roll up one sleeve and paint your arm and the palm of your hand brown.
2. Lengthwise on the paper, carefully place your painted arm and hand, with fingers spread apart. (This is the tree trunk and branches.)
3. Place the other paint colors on the plate.
4. Using Q-tips, place dots of paint (blossoms!) all over the branches.
5. When dry, display your tree — or give it as a Mother's Day gift.



Goodwill Industries Donation Trailer will come to Lake Park UMCs parking lot on May 25th and will be picked up on June 1st.

They Accept for Resale:

- Good, clean usable clothing
- Shoes
- House wares & small furniture
- Books, CDs, Videos
- Collectables & useable toys
- Electronics in working condition
- Computer Accessories

They Accept for Recycling:

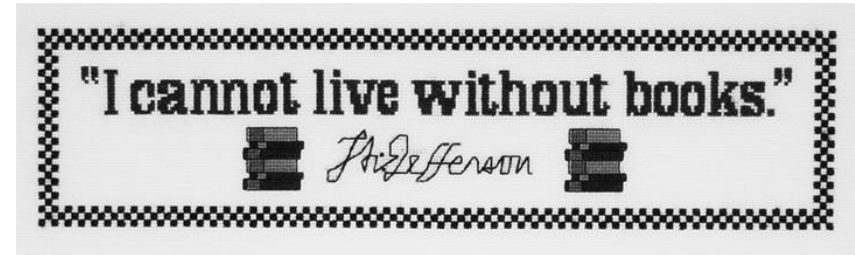
- Dry clothing in any condition
- Computers & Accessories
- Cell Phones in need of repair
- All used Ink Cartridges
- Books
- Shoes, Purses, Belts - any condition
- Kitchen Utensils
- Soft Toys - any condition

They Do NOT Accept:

- Large Appliances
(refrigerators, washers, dryers, stoves)
- Paint
- Chemicals
- Used Oil
- Air conditioners
- Wet clothing
- Large furniture
- Furniture needing repair
- TVs
- Tires
- Box springs & Mattresses
- Encyclopedias



Please carry all items as far to the front of the trailer as possible. Leave room at back of trailer for the stairs to be loaded. DO NOT leave items outside of the trailer—they will NOT be picked up.



There are many ways to enjoy books and many kinds of books to enjoy and learn from. This month our first donated book features the gift of humor while the second donation is a personal journey in life lessons and hopes for the future.

Deb Morrow, Church Librarian

1- Can you imagine sending ridiculous, laugh out loud letters to corporate honchos, national publications, politicians and celebrities? Author, Ted L. Nancy did just this and received surprisingly earnest responses. In *Letters From a Nut*, Nancy shares a madcap collection of correspondence of requests, complaints, fan mail and questions that could not possibly have been taken seriously, but amazingly, were!

2- As an Iowa native, Jo Kline Cebuhar, J.D., graduated from Iowa State and Drake Law School. Using her varied career experiences she has created *So Grows the Tree: Creating an Ethical Will*. She states, "You've been thinking about your legacy. You think it's measured in dollars and cents. It's not. Your real legacy is what you believe, what you know and what you hope for. An Ethical Will is 3,500-year-old tradition and the modern expression of your beliefs and values, life lessons and hopes for the future." This easy-to-use guide with captivating stories and heartwarming examples can help you create and share your own unique Ethical Will.

Sunday Bible Readings

May 7 – 4th Sunday of Easter

Acts 2:42-47, Psalm 23

1 Peter 2:19-25, John 10:1-10

May 14 – 5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 7:55-60, Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16

1 Peter 2:2-10, John 14:1-14

May 21 – 6th Sunday of Easter

Acts 17:22-31, Psalm 66:8-20

1 Peter 3:13-22, John 14:15-21

May 25 – Ascension Day

Acts 1:1-11, Psalm 47

Ephesians 1:15-23, Luke 24:44-53

May 29 – 7th Sunday of Easter

Acts 1:6-14, Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11, John 17:1-11



"My dad's teachin' me to be 'grounded in the faith' too, but he's taking a totally different approach."

VBS Volunteers Needed June 3, 2017 at Harris UMC 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The education committee will be **seeking volunteers for the Bible school** program scheduled for **June 3rd** for children Pre-K (age 4) through 5th grade.

This year's program will run from 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. followed by a short program and potluck supper at the United Methodist Church in Harris.

Sign-up sheets were passed during services on April 30th.

If you missed signing up or if you have questions, feel free to contact a member of the Education Committee:

- ✓ Becca Matthiesen – 920-539-8599
- ✓ Joy Rasche – 330-8129
- ✓ Nicole Vabre – 339-7488
- ✓ Lucien Vabre – 712-291-0561
- ✓ Beth Krummen – 330-1417
- ✓ Meagan Barnhardt – 330-3120
- ✓ Alex Luitjens – 331-4305



Mission Trip to Musac, Haiti—June 12-22, 2018

Discover Haiti – Trip organized by Daniel & Sarah Prevost

- Shares the island of Hispaniola with the Dominican Republic
- Over 10 million people
- 2010 earthquake killed over 200,000 people and destroyed most of the capital, Port-au-Prince
- Poorest country in the western hemisphere
- Became the 1st black republic in 1804 after the slaves revolted against France

Musac, Haiti

- Families live day-to-day on subsistence farming and do all farm work by hand or with animals
- Many women sell vegetables or other products in the market or at their homes
- There is no running water or electricity except from wells or solar panels
- Many of the older generation do not read or write and send their children to school so they can learn and have a better future

Trip Details

- Ages 16 – Adult (ages 14-15 can go with a parent)
- Estimated Cost - \$1,350 There will be fund-raising activities to help with this

Lodging

- Peace Inn Methodist Guest House
- Very safe location
- Family home of Paul and Aimable Prevot
- Bunk or twin beds
- Meals included with lodging at Peace Inn

Questions? Contact Daniel or Sarah Prevot 712-540-8527
Or Pastor Emmanuel 339-7115

Mission Work Opportunities

- Teach – computer basics (Word, Excel, PowerPoint)
- Education at K-7 school – crafts, songs, games, painting
- Agriculture – plant trees, helping with building construction or painting
- Kid's Club – skits, songs, crafts, games with kids
- Health – work at clinic with nurses and nurse training program



The Chimers played “*Easter Celebration*” on Palm Sunday morning while the elementary students processed around the sanctuary with palm branches. The Chimers were directed by Jennifer Krummen and accompanied by Diane Duitsman on the organ.



*Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord!*

Mark 11:9



Kraig Pool & Emily Gibson
They will be married at LP
UMC on September 30th.

NEW
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at LP UMC



Chris & Emily Lindgren
and daughter, Rowan



CONGRATULATIONS!

Janice Nissen received recognition from the LP UMC for her continuing volunteer work within the church.

UMW President, Jeanine Gunderson, presented the pin while Jane Heikens commented on Janice’s work in the kitchen for funeral lunches and at the annual bazaar. Janice also helps fold and tape the monthly newsletter.

Congratulations, Janice!
And thank you for your service to your church.